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1. Beginning 13 November 1946, numerous Germans were moved out of their houses in Cottbus South. On that date, thirteen of the 300 apartments to be requisitioned for the use of Soviet officers and their dependents were taken over. The commission in charge consisted of a Russian major, a captain, a lieutenant, and two German civilians. The incoming officers were to come from Thuringia. [REDACTED] all dependents would be adults, the children having been returned to Russia.
2. The commanding general of "a high staff" left Cottbus during the week of 3 November. His destination was not learned.
3. On or about 25 November, there were 6,000 troops in Cottbus. However, the Soviet Army contract with the town bakery for daily delivery of 8,000 loaves of bread has been cancelled. Beginning 1 December, only 2,000 loaves per day are to be delivered under a new contract which is scheduled to run for a year.

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6. The following train movements were observed between Cottbus and Senftenberg (A34) between 27 October and 18 November:

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	From	To	Trains	Cars	Load
27-31 Oct.	Cottbus Senftenberg	Senftenberg Cottbus		open open flat closed	Empty Coal Dismantled machinery Grain
1-15 Nov.	Cottbus Senftenberg	Senftenberg Cottbus		open open tank	Empty Coal Gasoline
10-14 Nov.	Cottbus Senftenberg	Senftenberg Cottbus		open open	Empty Beams, boards, shingles, small iron parts.
15-18 Nov.	Cottbus Senftenberg	Senftenberg Cottbus		open flat flat and open	Empty Wooden parts New agricultural machinery Dismantled hoist- ing bridge from coal mine.
			1	46 open	Empty
			1	37 flat	"Hauling a bridge"

25X1 7. All the above trains, [REDACTED] were so-called priority or privilege trains which transport material directly connected with SMA activities.

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